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ORDER BOOK OF JOHN FAUCHERAUD GRIMKÉ

(August 1778 to May 1780)

(Continued from the January number)

Camp before Savannah.

October. 1779.

1st. M. O. Parole Rutledge.	C. S. Bee. Farr.
F. O. for tomorrow.	Major Wells.
B. M.	Capt. Linning

For fatigue to be paraded immediately 2 Capt^s. 4 Sub^s. 6 Serjt^s. & 80 Rank & file they are to be employed under the Directions of an Artillery Officer from Col^o. Beekman's Corps.

For Command to be paraded immediately 2 Capt^s. 4 Sub^s. 6 Serjt^s. & 80 Rank & file, they are to relieve the party, under L^t. Col^o. Marion—The party is to be commanded by Lieu^t. Col^o. Henderson.

The Court of Inquiry ordered to sit this Morning have reported that after maturely considering the Evidence & facts relative to the conduct of L^t. Col^o. Scott, they are of Opinion that Col^o. Scott, acted imprudently in leaving the reg^t. without his Com^d. Officer's Permission but do not think him subject to a Court Martial

For fatigue to be warned tonight & to march tomorrow Morning at Reveille beating under the Command of Cap^t. DeTreville two Cap^ts. 4 Subs. 4 Serjt^s. & 80 Rank & file.

2^d. Parole. C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow.	Col ^o . Thompson.
B. M.	Cap ^t . McIntosh

For Command to be paraded at 4 oClock 2 Capt^s 4 Subs. 6 Serjt^s. & — Rank & file, they are to relieve the covering party under L^t. Col^o. Henderson.—L^t. Col^o. Hopkins is to have the above Command.

The Court Martial of which L^t. Col^o. Scott was Pres.^t have reported Cap^t. Mitchell of the Artillery charged

1st. With being absent from his alarm post on the Night of the 11th. August.

2^{ly}. for beating & abusing a Matross one Gavin Ervin in Violation of a standing Regimental Order.

3^{dly}. for behaving with Contempt & Disrespect to Col^o. Beekman of that Corps.

4^{thly}. For treating Col^o. Beekman (in the Character of Com^g. Officer at the time when the whole Line was turn'd out & the Camp in an actual State of Alarm) with abusive & scurrilous Language.

5^{thly}. For behaving in a manner unbecoming an Officer & a Gentleman.

On the first Charge the Court was of Opinion that Cap^t. Mitchell was absent from his alarm Post on the Night of the 11th. Aug^t. 1779, as it was conceived that it was his Duty to have been in the Park at the time of the Alarm notwithstanding no particular Post or Division had been assigned him; but as he was absent a very short time and had taken every Precaution necessary to receive the earliest Intelligence of an Alarm, they think the Charge rather frivolous. On the Second that the Court could not take Cognizance of it, as a punishment was annexed to a breach of that Order. On the 3^d. 4th. & 5th. Charges that they could not be separately determined. But are of Opinion that Cap^t. Mitchell did treat Col^o. Beekman the Com^g. Officer with abusive & scurrilous Language at the time when the whole Line was turn'd out & the Camp in an actual State of Alarm—They therefore sentence that Cap^t. Mitchell should be reprimanded in the presence of the Officers of the Artillery.

It gives the Gen^l. pain that he is under the necessity of disapproving the Sentence of the Court, but is constrained to do it as he thinks it totally inadequate to the Offence and that to approve it would be subversive of Order & Discipline in the Army.

A fatigue party to be paraded precisely at Retreat beating to relieve that now at Work to consist of two Cap^{ts}. 2 Sub^s. 4 Serj^{ts}. & 80 Rank & file.

3d. Parole C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow	Col ^o . Parker
B. M.	Cap ^t . Lining.

The loaded Arms are to be discharged at 3 oClock this afternoon by Platoons.

For Command to be paraded at 4 oClock this afternoon, 4 Capt's 8 Sub^s. 16 Serj^{ts}. & 200 Rank & file Col^o. Pinckney, Lt. Col^o. Saunders & Major Anderson for this Command
4th Parole Iphigene. C. S. Amazon. Ariel.

F. O. for tomorrow	Col ^o . Thomas
B. M.	Cap ^t . McIntosh.

The Cont^l. Troops & Independent Comp^{ys}. are without Delay to be compleated to 100 Rounds for the Non Com^d. Officers & Soldiers fit for duty. Those Regt^s. which have more than that quantity will immediately return the Superfluity into the Hands of the B. Q. M.

N. B. Batteries opened this Morning at 5 oClock. Mortars at one.

5th. Parole Virginia. C. S. Boston, Georgia.

F. O. for tomorrow	Col ^o . William
B. M.	Cap ^t . Lining.

A Court of Inquiry is to sit this Afternoon at 3 oClock to enquire into the Conduct of Cap^t. Espry & Cap^t. Wyche of the Georgia Militia they being charged by Gen^l. Prevost with Breach of their Paroles. Pres^t. L^t. Col^o. Marion Members one Cont^l. & one Militia Cap^t. of the first Brigade, one Cont^l. & one Militia Cap^t. of the second Brigade.

The President will appoint where the Court shall sit.

6th. Oct. 1779 Camp before Savannah.

Parole C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow	Col ^o . Skirving
B. M.	Cap ^t . M ^o Intosh.

For Command to march at four oClock this Afternoon. L^t. Col^o. Marion, L^t. Col^o. Few & Major Smith.

7th. Parole. C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow	Col ^o . Few.
B. M.	Major Bowie

A blue great Coat with a Crimson Cape was lost yesterday near Camp, whoever will deliver it to Lieut. Col^o. Grimké of the artillery shall receive 30. Dollars reward.

For Command this Afternoon, L^t. Col^o. Henderson.
8th. Parole C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow Col^o. Twiggs
B. M. Cap^t. Lining

For Command to be ready at half past 3 oClock this Afternoon
L^t. Col^o. Scott & Major Ladson.

E. O. Watch Word Lewis.

The Soldiers will be immediately supplied with 40 Rounds of Cartridges a Spare Flint & have their Arms in good Order.

The Infantry destined for the Attack of Savannah will be divided into two Bodies—The first composed of the Light Troops under the Command of Col^o. Laurens, the 2^d. of the Cont^l. Battalions & the 1st. Battalion of the Charles Town Militia except the Grenadiers who are to join the Light Troops—The whole will parade at one oClock near the Left of the Line & march by the right by platoons.

The Guards of the Camp will be formed of the Invalids & be charged to keep up the Fires as usual in Camp.

The Cavalry under the Command of Count Pulaski will parade at the same time with the Infantry, follow the left Column of the French Troops and precede the Column of American Light Troops—They will endeavour to penetrate the Enemy's Lines between the Battery on the left of the Spring Hill Redoubt & the next Work towards the River, having effected this, they will pass to the Left towards Yamacraw & secure such parties of the Enemy as may be lodged in that Quarter.

The Artillery will also parade at the same time, follow the French Artillery & remain with the Corps de Reserve 'till they receive further Orders—The whole will be paraded by the time appointed with the utmost Silence and punctuality & be ready to march the Instant Count d'Estaing & Gen^l. Lincoln shall Order.

The Light Troops who are to follow the Cavalry will attempt to enter the Redoubt on the left of the Spring Hill by Ecalade if possible, if not by the Entrance into it; they are to be supported if necessary by the first S^o. Carolina Reg^t. In the mean time the Column will proceed within the Lines to the left of the Spring Hill Battery—The Light Troops having succeeded against the

Redoubt will proceed to the left & attempt the Several Works between that & the river—The Column will move to the left of the French Troops & display, taking particular Care not to interfere with them. The Light Troops having carried the Works towards the river will form on the left of the Column.

It is expressly forbid to fire a single Gun before the Redoubts are carried or for any Soldier to quit his Ranks to plunder without an Order to that purpose, any who shall presume to transgress in either of these Respects shall be reputed a Disobeyer of Military Orders which is punishable with Death.

The Militia of the 1st, & 2^d, Brigades, Gen^l. W^m Sons Brigade & the 2^d. Battalion of the Cha^s. Town Militia, will parade immediately under the Command of Gen^l. Huger, after draughting 500 of them, the remainder of them will go into the Trenches & put themselves under the Command of the Commanding Officer there—With the 500 he will march to the left of the Enemy's Lines & remain as near them as he can without being discovered 'till four oClock in the Morning, at which time the Troops in the Trenches will begin an attack on the Enemy; he will then advance & make his Attack as near the River as possible, & tho' this is only meant as a Feint, yet should a favourable Opportunity Offer, he will improve it & push into the Town.

In Case of a Repulse after having taken the Spring Hill Redoubt, the Troops will retreat to & rally in the Rear of that Redoubt, if it cannot be effected that way it must be attempted by the same Rout at which they entered—The second place of rallying (or the first if the Redoubt should not be carried) will be at the Jews Burying Ground where the reserve will be placed—if these two Halts should not be effectual they will retire towards Camp.

The Troops will carry in their Hats a piece of white paper, by which they may be distinguished.

(To be continued.)